

Workplace Specialist Workgroup Selections from July 18, 2002, meeting

Members Present: Shawn Sriver (staff), Marilyn Metzler, Dan Grayson, Patty Shutt, Sam Cotton, Barry Norman, William Wyatt

The selections were approved with one change.

Shawn Sriver reviewed changes made in the point chart and the group helped finalize the chart for feedback distribution.

Shawn Sriver shared a two-page survey instrument with the group. Consensus is that the survey should be used with several changes. The survey will be e-mailed to all area career and technical education directors and shared at the vocational conference on August 29.

The group discussed the 45-clock hour seminar and whether it was enough in a two-year initial licensing period. The initial consensus is that 45 clock hours will be enough.

The mentorship was discussed. Shawn Sriver briefed the group on what other teachers were doing. Some type of portfolio was discussed, but the concern was raised that the portfolio for other teachers is based on their standards. In addition, scores were trained and a legally defensible system developed. The feeling was that the group would investigate models without a scoring rubric or a defensible system.

Consensus was to invite Judy Miller, Director of Assessment, to our next meeting to discuss the system used by other teachers.

The requirement of an occupational competency test was also discussed. The strong consensus of the group was that the requirement of the occupational competency test was redundant because these teachers are skilled trade people and have applied a proven track record for years. In addition, the current NOCTI test is viewed as substandard and very expensive. Also, there is a problem with equitability in that some teachers are not required to complete the NOCTI because they have completed another test (i.e., cosmetology) or because there is no test for the area.

The recommendation will be that no occupational competency test be required.

Next Meetings: August 28, 2002

September 19, 2002

All meetings will be held at the McKenzie Career Center and begin at 9:00

a.m.